THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI ASHOKE KUMAR SEN) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir. The allocation of pig iron to Gujarat Small Industries Corporation for 1990-91 has been enhanced by the Development Commissioner for Iron and Steel, Calcutta.

(c) Does not arise

(d) No, Sir The entire quantity initially allocated for the period April-November, 1990, has been supplied by SAIL.

(e) Des not arise.

**Improving the quality of apparels to be exported**

836 SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any comprehensive plan for improving the quality of apparels to be exported to Europe by 1992, and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) and (b) Government have taken several steps for improving the quality of apparel exported from the country, to all destination including Europe. Such steps, among other things, include training, liberalised import of trimming and embellishments etc

**Amount of remittances received from Gulf countries**

837. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the amount of remittances received from the gulf countries, country-wise and year-wise, during the last three years;

(b) what is the amount of remittances withheld due to Gulf crisis in the gulf countries, country-wise; and

(c) what steps Government have taken to get back, the remaining amount and the progress so far achieved as a result of these steps?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH) (a) No information about the remittance received exclusively from Indians residing in foreign countries is available, since details of remittances of Rs 10,000/- and below are not required to be reported to the Reserve Bank of India by Authorised Dealers under the current rules However, private transfer receipts which, inter-alia, include remittances received from non-residents of Indian nationality as recorded in the balance of payments statistics during the three years ending 1987-88 (latest available) are as under

| Year | Rupees in crores |
|---|---|
| 1985-86 | 2716 |
| 1986-87 | 2991 |
| 1987-88 | 3533 |

(b) and (c) We have no information if any remittance from the Gulf countries has been withheld

**Import of almonds**

838. SHRI R T GOPALAN. Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state

(a) whether Government propose to give licences to import almonds on the basis of export of pepper and cardamom; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?